

# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, sexual orientation, medical condition or pregnancy. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing Civil Service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

DEPARTMENT:	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	RELEASE DATE:	Monday, November 8, 2010
	Chief, Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management	FINAL FILING DATE:	Tuesday, November 23, 2010 or until filled
CEA LEVEL:	CEA 3	EXTENDED FINAL FILING DATE:	
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#### POSITION DESCRIPTION

Under the general direction of the Deputy Director, Center for Environmental Health, the Chief of the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management is responsible for the development, implementation, coordination, evaluation, and management of approximately twenty programs, which comprise the Drinking Water Technical Programs Branch, the Northern and Southern California Drinking Water Field Operations Branches, the Environmental Management Branch, the Drinking Water and Radiation Laboratory Branch, and the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program. These programs are responsible for providing low-interest loans and grants to public water systems for infrastructure and water security improvements; ensuring the safety and security of California's drinking water supplies, shellfish growing areas, and wastewater reclamation projects; managing the transportation and disposal of medical waste; and protecting the public from the hazards of indoor radon and excessive noise. The programs also ensure that sanitary conditions are maintained at all State institutions; license water treatment plant operators; certify water treatment devices; and register environmental health specialists. The Drinking Water and Radiation Laboratory Branch provides statewide water sanitation and radiochemistry laboratory support for the programs within the Division and other departmental programs. The Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program provides evaluation and accreditation of environmental testing laboratories to ensure the quality of analytical data used for regulatory purposes to meet the requirements of the State's drinking water, wastewater, shellfish, food, and hazardous waste programs.

The Division Chief is the Department's primary spokesperson in a variety of local, state, and national forums dealing with issues that affect environmental management and drinking water. The Division Chief is also the primary State liaison for the 62 Directors of Environmental Health as well as the State's numerous water agency directors, and represents the Director at the California Bay-Delta Authority meetings.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

#### **Either I**

Must be a State civil service employee with permanent civil service status or who previously had permanent status in the State civil service.

#### Or II

Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature, with two or more consecutive years as defined in Government code § 18990.

#### Or III

Must be a current or former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch with two or more consecutive years (excluding those positions for which salaries are set by statute) as defined in Government Code § 18992.

#### Or IV

Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code § 18991.

#### **KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES**

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to perform high administrative and policy – influencing functions effectively. Such overall ability requires possession of most of the following more specific knowledge and abilities:

- (1) Knowledge of the organization and functions of California State Government including the organization and practices of the Legislature and the Executive Branch; principles, practices, and trends of public administration, organization, and management; techniques of organizing and motivating groups; program development and evaluation; methods of administrative problem solving; principles and practices of policy formulation and development; and personnel management techniques; the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Program objectives; and a manager's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program.
- (2) Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff; analyze administrative policies, organization, procedures and practices; integrate the activities of a diverse program to attain common goals; gain the confidence and support of top level administrators and advise them on a wide range of administrative matters; develop cooperative working relationships with representatives of all levels of government, the public, and the Legislature and Executive branches; analyze complex problems and recommend effective courses of action; and prepare and review reports; and effectively contribute to the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

These knowledge and abilities are expected to be obtained from the following kinds of experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation and/or evaluation of program policies (experience may have been paid or volunteer; in State service, other government settings, or in a private organization):

**CEA Level 1.** Supervisory/administrative experience in a line or staff activity, including the execution and/or evaluation of program policies.

**CEA Levels 2 and 3.** Broad administrative or program manager experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Levels 4 and 5. Extensive managerial and program administrative experience which has included substantial responsibility for a combination of management functions such as program planning; policy formulation; organization coordination and control; and fiscal and personnel management. Where high technical professional qualifications are of primary importance in performing the duties of a given CEA position, then the above required experience may have been in a staff capacity exercising professional skills to influence and contribute to program, policy, and methods of providing those professional services. Primary examples are medical doctors and attorneys.

## **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION(S)**

- •Knowledge of principles of water supply and ground water protection.
- •Knowledge of sanitary and public health engineering principles and practices.
- •Demonstrated ability to work successfully with persons at high levels of state, federal, and local government; state legislative and executive branches; and leaders of health care organizations and industry associations.
- •Knowledge of principles and techniques of program management and personnel supervision.
- •Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively.
- •Experience providing testimony before Legislative Committees.
- •Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of others.
- •Understanding of and commitment to the effective implementation of the State and departmental equal employment policy.

#### DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Creativity and Innovation – Applies new ways of thinking. Has the ability to solve problems, create new ideas, and develop new approaches to achieve the Department's mission.

Vision - Understands the context and mission of the Department both internal and external. Has an awareness of the Department's critical issues, anticipates and influences the future. Has the ability to organize for success; understands how to facilitate functional needs and structure to achieve strategic plans.

Credibility and Integrity – Understands internal and external customers and has a true desire to build credibility. Has a personal compass composed of clear principles and the flexibility to balance between literal adherence to rules and the use of policy as a guide. Has the ability to make decisions and be accountable for those decisions.

Teamwork - Cooperates to achieve the Department's mission, goals, and values and encourages

diversity of opinions. Has the ability to enhance his/her own ability and the ability of others to contribute.

Communication – Has a clear expression of ideas, thoughts and expectations and is an active and empathic listener. Understands that people process information differently; takes initiative to build relationships; understands cultural differences.

Staff Development - Recognizes that people are the Department's most valuable resource. Can identify and define needs of the Department, attract appropriate candidates, evaluate, and select the most qualified. Takes the time to develop and encourage staff to achieve their true potential.

In addition, to best serve both our internal and external customers, it is important that our management team understands and is sensitive to the diversity of the people we serve. The composition of our management team should also reflect diversity.

#### **EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

A minimum rating of 70% must be attained to obtain list eligibility. Hiring interviews may be conducted with the most qualified candidates. All candidates will receive written notification of their examination results. The result of this examination will be used only to fill the position of Chief, Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management, with the CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. Applications will be retained for twelve months.

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The examination process will consist of an application and Statement of Qualifications screening committee. All interested applicants must file a Standard State Application (STD. 678), a resume, and a Statement of Qualifications. All applications/resumes must include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year). The screening committee will compare each applicant's qualifications for the position against specific job-related evaluation criteria developed from the minimum qualifications, desirable qualifications, and desirable characteristics.

Each applicant for this examination must complete and submit his/her responses to all seven supplemental items that follow. Supplemental responses and your application must be postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail by the final filing date. Applications received without responses to the supplemental items will be rejected.

When responding to the supplemental items, applicants must follow these guidelines:

- Your responses must be typewritten or generated by word processing on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, using no smaller than a 12 point font.
- Your responses must be limited to one page per item.
- Identify each page with your full name.
- Make sure your responses are complete, specific, clear, and concise.
- Answer each numbered item separately indicating the corresponding item number for each response.

# STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the Standard State Application (STD. 678), all interested applicants are required to

submit a Statement of Qualifications with specific information on how his/her background, knowledge, skills, and abilities meet the minimum qualifications, desirable qualifications, and desirable characteristics. The Statement of Qualifications must discuss the following critical factors:

- 1.Describe your ability to deal effectively with a variety of individuals, organizations, state agencies, and local governments.
- 2.Describe your leadership ability and experience in planning, organizing, motivating, and directing the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff.
- 3.Describe your knowledge of the principles and practices of public administration, organization, and management. Include in your response experience in developing programs that serve diverse communities.
- 4.Describe your knowledge of, and experience with, the California legislative and budgetary process, state control agencies, local governmental agencies, and other entities that are necessary for effective program implementation.
- 5.Describe an experience that demonstrates your ability to analyze complex and sensitive problems and recommend effective courses of action.
- 6.Describe your working knowledge of water supply, water protection, sanitary and public health engineering principles and practices.
- 7.Describe your experience interacting with the leadership of health care providers, California's community organizations, professional associations, counties, and community health based programs.

#### FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Application packages postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after 5:00 p.m. on the final filing date, will not be accepted. Application packages must include two copies of the items listed below.

# Interested applicants must submit:

- A completed Standard State Application (Form 678).
- A "Statement of Qualifications". The Statement is a narrative discussion of how the candidate's education, training, experience, and skills meet the minimum and desirable qualifications and qualify them for the position. The Statement of Qualifications serves as a documentation of each candidate's ability to present information clearly and concisely in writing and should be typed and discuss the eight critical factors listed above.
- Resumes do not take the place of the Statement of Qualifications.

## Applications must be submitted by the final filing date to:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, Human Resources Branch P.O. Box 997378, MS 1700-1702, Sacramento, CA 95899-7378 Jacqueline Hiskey (916) 552-8344 | Jacqueline.hiskey@cdph.ca.gov

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Application packages may also be hand-delivered to: Department of Public Health, Human Resources Branch, 1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.1501, Sacramento, CA.

Questions regarding the examination process should be directed to Jacqueline Hiskey at Jacqueline. Hiskey@cdph.ca.gov or at (916) 552-8344.

#### **SPECIAL TESTING**

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

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